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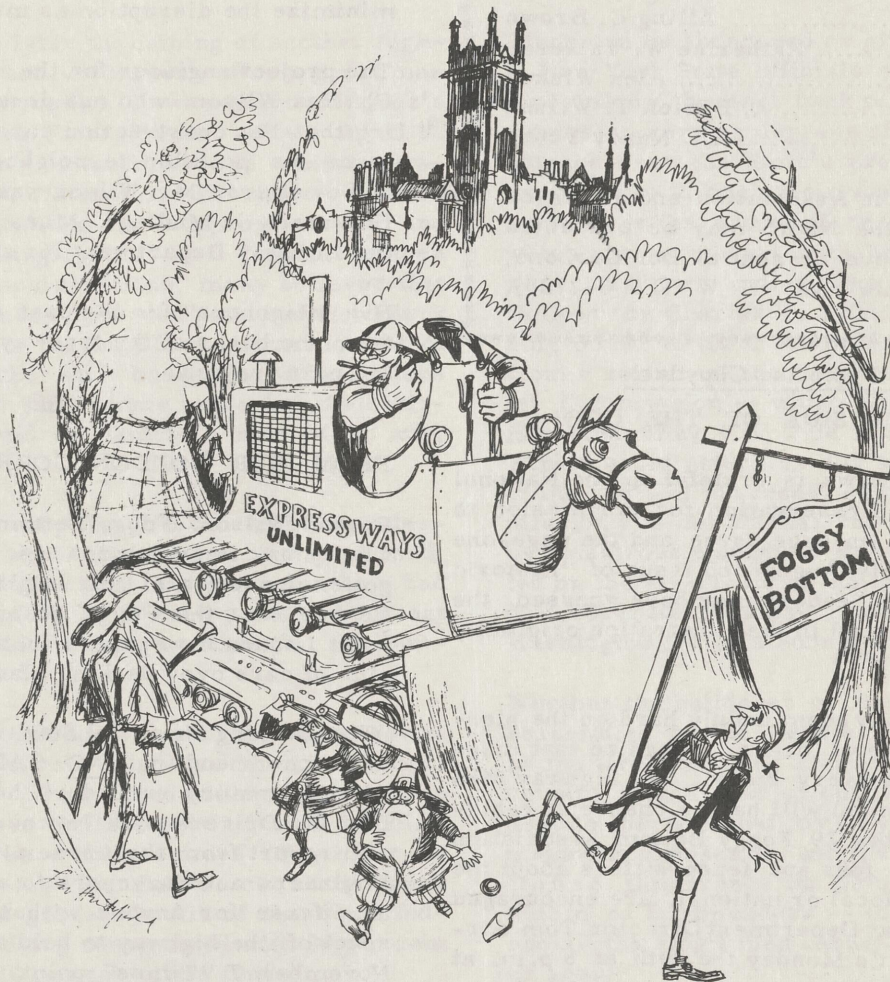
NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

# The Foggy Bottom News

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THE VOICE OF FOGGY BOTTOM

November 1965



FBA meetings are held on the last Monday in each month except July, August and December. Nonmembers of the Association are welcome.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - 8 P.M.  
Pillsbury Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2nd floor, 2430 K St., N.W.

#### PROGRAM

Speaker: Mr. Thomas F. Aires, Director, Department of Highways and Traffic, District of Columbia  
Topic: Slide presentations on the concepts of street and highway planning and on air-rights buildings

#### "THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN RIDES AGAIN"

Except for a slight change in the name of the locale, the above illustration is the work of cartoonist Leo Hershfield. It goes with the article on page 3. Both courtesy of The National Trust for Historic Preservation (reprinted with permission).



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## Views From the Copydesk

### THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

The Foggy Bottom News is grateful to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for permission to reprint the article on page three and the page-one cartoon from the July-August '65 issue of "Historic Preservation". (As readers may have guessed, the "Foggy Bottom" legend in the illustration originally read "Sleepy Hollow".)

While the article may seem unduly hard on the highway builders, the News does recognize that there are two sides to every story. The highway men (that's not highwaymen) will have a chance at rebuttal at the November 29 Foggy Bottom Association meeting. Friends, foes and fence-sitters about the highway projects, local or national, are encouraged to hear what Highway Department Director Tom Airis has to say. That's Monday the 29th at 8 p.m. at Pillsbury Hall.

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## FOGGY BOTTOM PART OF INNER LOOP SET FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY DECEMBER

At least one highway project in Foggy Bottom is grinding to a close. The portions of the Inner Loop between Virginia Avenue and L Street, which was started on January 27, 1964, is expected to be completed on December 7, 1965. Total cost will be about \$1,500,000.

While this road took a sizable chunk out of Foggy Bottom, the Highway Department did attempt to minimize the disruption as much as possible.

The project engineer for the Highway Department is Charles Wilson, who has done a creditable job seeing that the construction caused as little inconvenience as possible to neighboring property owners and dwellers. Mr. Wilson was graduated from Tufts University in Medford, Mass., and has worked for the Highway Department for about four years.

His "neighbors" for the past two years, Bottomites from the banks of the freeway, wish Charlie well on his next project.

--Alex Wiskup

## FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT . . .

Burton Wilson, Foggy Bottom Association Program Chairman, is in London this month but hasn't forgotten problems of the neighborhood he left behind. He has sent the Foggy Bottom News two clippings from London newspapers, both dealing with the surplus of cars over parking places.

"The Evening News and Star" of November 3 carries the banner headling "NO GARAGE, NO CAR" with the explanatory secondary headline "Experts Urge Ban On Drivers With Nowhere To Park". An official report from the Association of London Borough Engineers and Surveyors "calls for a law making it an offense for anyone without a garage or parking space off the highway to hold a vehicle license." The November 7 "Times" points out that the Japanese have had a similar regulation since 1962.



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# "THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN RIDES AGAIN" -- BUT THIS TIME HE'S ASTRIDE A BULLDOZER

"Chiefs! Our road is not built to last a thousand years, yet in a sense it is. When a road is once built, it is a strange thing how it collects traffic, how every year as it goes on, more and more people are found to walk thereon, and others are raised up to repair and perpetuate it, and keep it alive" -- so Robert Louis Stevenson prophesied in his address to the Chiefs on the Opening of the Road of Gratitude, October 1894 . . . .

Less than 75 years later the naming of another highway through an urban wilderness after a great man was considered an insult. It was Mayor Wagner's belief that renaming First Avenue after Adlai E. Stevenson would be a suitable mode of commemoration for the honored statesman. The move seems to have died. In addition to the inappropriateness and pointlessness of changing old and familiar places out of emotional considerations, many believed that Ambassador Stevenson deserved better of New York City than to have a thoroughfare, jammed much of the time with trucks and buses emitting noxious fumes, called after him--some more dignified tribute could and should be paid to a man of his lofty spirit.

What has happened; why the difference? In an underdeveloped area perhaps any road can be a good road, but in an overdeveloped area any road can be a bad road. Today one must be a road planner of great vision; it is impossible to be a roadmender for damage done can never be undone.

Why must New Orleans have an elevated expressway across Jackson Square's view of the Mississippi River? Why must 150 certified houses built before 1800 be destroyed in Philadelphia's Southwark district for the Delaware Expressway? Why must the new U. S. 281N through San Antonio cut across park and zoo, cliffs and gardens? All of these are federal aid projects, being constructed with 90 per cent federal funds and 10 per cent state funds.

Planning and legislation should be the answer, but the best of plans can be ineffectual, having been compromised by conflict of interests -- and values continue to be lost. After years of study New York City passed preservation legislation, hailed as a great step in the preservation of the rapidly changing city. One of the first areas planned for designation as a historic district by the city's Landmarks Preservation Commission is in the path of the Lower Manhattan Expressway. Whether the expressway is constructed above or below ground, the buildings seem slated for certain demolition . . . .

Plans can be abandoned or given new interpretation. In New York State officials of eight towns and villages along the east bank of the Hudson River have expressed varying degrees of concern, vexation and outrage over the State's proposal to run a six-lane expressway through their waterfronts. Equally devastating is the proposed re-routing of Route 117 which runs northeast from North Tarrytown through what has been called "the bucolic heart of Sleepy Hollow" by Charles T. Post, chairman of the Planning Board of the Town of Mount Pleasant. Quoting from a report of the Governor's Hudson River Valley Commission -- which noted that "the Headless Horseman may still ride in Sleepy Hollow, Rip Van Winkle could return at any time and elves still live in the roots of old trees" -- Mr. Post read the Commission's promise that "no neglect or misuse can be disastrous enough to drive them away." Elevated on the air-rights of the railroad, the expressway will separate National Trust-owned Lyndhurst and Washington Irving's Sunnyside from the Hudson.

Whether the bulldozer of Expressways Unlimited is personified as the Headless Horseman or animated as the fire-breathing dragon, it continues across the country at the cost of countless community assets despite the fact that every newspaper and every magazine exposes it, and the President has a White House Conference on Natural Beauty. And there will be no roadmenders -- for all the king's horses and all the king's men cannot put the country together again.

-- Helen Duprey Bullock

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## Foggy Bottom's

## ..PEOPLE..

## F.B. "MAYOR" TOM CAVANAUGH DIES

Foggy Bottom has lost its "unofficial mayor". Mr. Thomas R. J. Cavanaugh, who lived all of his 73 years at 701 - 24th Street, N.W., died of cancer on November 6. He is survived by his wife, Holly. He was active in St. Stephen's parish, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Enlisting in the Army in 1912 after graduating from Grant High School, he served on the Mexican border and with the Rainbow Division in France and Germany during World War I. He worked for the Veterans Administration 37 years until he retired in 1957.

## EAGLES EARNED BY MRS. MAIER'S SON

One proud mother is Mrs. Kathleen Maier of Potomac Plaza. She recently returned from California where she went to witness the ceremony of her son John E. Maier's promotion to the rank of Colonel in the Army. Colonel Maier has assumed the position of Deputy Commander of the Sacramento Army Depot after a 3-year tour of duty as military advisor to the Chinese Army in Taiwan. A 23-year veteran, he is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army supply management course.

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## MSGR. DENGES ON ECUMENICAL UNIT

Msgr. Joseph F. Denges, pastor of St. Stephen Martyr Church, has been appointed by Archbishop Patrick J. O'Boyle to a new ecumenical commission for the Washington Archdiocese. Purpose of the organization is to suggest guidelines for implementation of the decree on ecumenism approved by the Vatican Council.

## SIMON "DRAFTED" BY CRIME COUNCIL

Former FBA President Bill Simon has been re-elected as secretary of the Third Precinct Citizen's Crime Council -- over his own protests of a sort. Out of town on business, Bill sent word to the Council that he was willing to serve again but in some other capacity, because of frequent travel commitments. He was unanimously overruled.

## SEEN ANY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS LATELY?

At the same Crime Council meeting, Captain Bishop reported on a sharp increase in area crime the September over last, with housebreakings more than doubled. Robberies, however, declined markedly. The Captain has urged citizen cooperation by reporting suspicious situations and crimes and by following through as witnesses if an arrest is made.

THE CIRCLE THEATRE  
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Sunday, Nov. 21	"Macbeth" plus
Monday, Nov. 22	"Oedipus Rex"
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## ..PLACES..

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Other decorations in the dining area are original prints of old Vienna or of Viennese subjects. The restaurant was extensively redecorated in June, with lowered ceiling, walnut panelling, more comfortable and attractive seatings and a divided panel across the width of the room.

### COLUMBIA HOSPITAL GEARS FOR CENTENNIAL

A 100th Birthday Anniversary Luncheon will mark the centennial of Columbia Hospital for Women next September. A series of special events, seminars and community activities are also being planned by the Centennial Program Committee, headed by Mr. Robert Lee O'Brien, former President of the Hospital Board. A special historical report covering 100 years of community service will be published.

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### GIRL'S ACADEMY PASSES 100-YEAR MARK

Another centennial was observed in Foggy Bottom this past weekend by Immaculate Conception Academy, 24th and K Streets. The November 20 anniversary was commemorated with a musical tribute, a Mass, a reception and a luncheon.

ICA is a 4-year academic-commercial high school for girls and is affiliated with Catholic University. After 82 years at its original site at 8th and Q Sts., N.W., the Academy moved in 1954 to its present location, formerly St. Stephen's School. (The old building is now Fides Neighborhood House.) Principal of ICA is Sister Laboure of the Daughters of Charity, who operate the school. Anne Marie Burke served as general chairman of the centennial.

### FOGGY BOTTOM GENEALOGY

A lot in Foggy Bottom, whose owner ran down its genealogy recently, has changed hands 13 times since the State of Maryland ceded it to the U.S. Government to become part of the District of Columbia. The owner first to acquire it from the District was Columbia College, which held on to it till 1840 when it was sold to the Benjamin O. Tayhoe family, and they kept it till 1869. The lot and one adjoining it, both "improved", were valued at \$1,078, and annual real estate tax on both lots amounted to only \$7.40. The current tax on one of these lots is \$288 a year, and the owner thinks his property is worth between 30 and 40 thousand dollars. Too bad you didn't buy up a few of these bargain lots a few decades ago!

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## ..EVENTS..

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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### CLOTHING DRIVE ON AT ST. STEPHEN'S

The annual Catholic Bishops' clothing drive will take place at St. Stephen Martyr Church during Thanksgiving week. Anyone wishing to contribute usable clothes may bring them to the 25th Street entrance of the church hall any day between 5 and 7:30 p.m.

### HIKERS TO HEAD FOR BILLY GOAT TRAIL

That trip to the "Billy Goat Trail" mentioned in last month's News will take place Sunday, November 28. The 6-mile hike in the area of Great Falls is sponsored by the Capital Hiking Club. Hardy hoofers who want to join the expedition may call Beverly Thompson or Evelyn Fales at FE 7-7400. (The rocky route is appropriately named, for it goes over "boulders, up and down slides, in and out of pot-holes". Better bring the alpen stock.)

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### CHURCH ARCHITECTURE TO BE DISCUSSED

Melita Rodeck, well known architect and Foggy Bottom resident, will deliver a slide lecture on the History of Church Architecture at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 4, in St. Stephen's Hall, 25th and Pennsylvania. The lecture, sponsored by the Friends of St. Stephen's, is open to the public without charge.

Miss Rodeck's lecture is the second in a series of four cultural presentations. The third planned is scheduled for January 18, when nationally known Jesuit poet John L'Heureux will read a selection of his poems. In February Professor Laite of George Washington University will give a slide lecture on the history of art up to the early 19th century.

In the first lecture in the series, on November 13, Clifford Chieffo of the University of Maryland discussed movements in contemporary art.

### FBA PLANS PAHO-WATERGATE TOUR

The next event on the Foggy Bottom Association's social calendar will be a double-header. On Sunday January 16, interested members are invited to join in a tour of the new Watergate East Apartments at Virginia and New Hampshire Avenues and of the equally new Pan American Health Organization headquarters at 23d and Virginia. Special events chairman, Nancy Young, promises full details for the next issue of the Foggy Bottom News.

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Your dues money is used to help pay for the FBNews, meetings and projects, in the interest of an even better association, neighborhood and city.

Help the FBA do its job for you.

## LONG FARE OR HEAVY FOG?

What an authentic London taxi (the famous large variety) is doing in Washington is anybody's guess, but there it was. At least so says FBN's peripatetic Brower, who claims to have seen one headed east on K at 22nd at about noon October 17. Any other witnesses?

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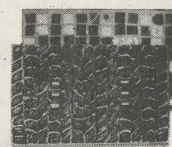
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